

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

IN CONCORD, MARCH, 1837.



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OF THE

Annual Town Meeting &c.

At a legal town meeting, duly notified and holden at Concord, in the county of Merrimack, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of march in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, the inhabitants of said town of Concord, having a right to vote in any matter that might come before the town by a major vote and by ballot.

1 *Chose*--ISAAC HILL Moderator to preside in said Meeting, who being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

And the following votes of the inhabitants of said town present and qualified to vote for Senators, were given in for Governor, for Counsellor and for Senator, and were received in presence of the Selectmen of said town in open town meeting by the Moderator thereof, who, in said meeting, in presence of the said Selectmen and the Clerk of said town, sorted and counted said votes, and at the close of the poll, made a public declaration thereof with the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes for each person, as follows:—

FOR GOVERNOR.

Isaac Hill	had	723 votes.
Joseph Healy	“	92 “
Thomas E. Sawyer	“	44 “
Levi Woodbury	“	2 “
Andrew Pierce	“	2 “
D. P. Drown	“	1 “

FOR COUNSELLOR.

Tristram Shaw	had	600 votes.
Thomas D. Merrill	“	271 “
John Stevens	“	1 “
Ezekiel Morrill	“	1 “

FOR SENATOR

John Stevens	had	499 votes.
Samuel B. Dyer	"	336 "
William H. Gage	"	9 "
Joseph Eastman jr.	"	1 "

And the following votes of the inhabitants of said town present, and qualified to vote for Senators were given in for a Register of Deeds, and for a County Treasurer and were received in presence of the Selectmen of said town in open town meeting by the Moderator thereof, who in said meeting, in presence of the Selectmen and the clerk of said town sorted and counted said votes and at the close of the poll made a public declaration thereof, with the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes for each person, as follows:

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS,

Joseph Robinson	had	505 votes.
John Townsend	"	344 "
Samuel Coffin	"	3 "

FOR COUNTY TREASURER,

David M. Carpenter	had	862 votes
Joseph Low	"	2 "
E. S. Towle	"	1 "

And the following votes of the inhabitants of said town present and qualified to vote for senators to the state Legislature were given in by ballot for five persons to represent this state in the Congress of the United States, for the term of two years from and after the third day of said month of March, and were received in presence of the Selectmen of said town in open meeting by the moderator thereof, who in said meeting in presence of the said Selectmen and the clerk of said town, sorted and counted said votes and at the close of the poll made a public declaration thereof, with the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes for each person, as follows:

Samuel Cushman	had	537 votes.
James Farrington	"	540 "
Charles G. Atherton	"	531 "
Joseph Weeks	"	539 "
Jared W. Williams	"	540 "

Charles B. Goodrich	had	329 votes.
Richard Bradley	"	330 "
Joseph Bell	"	333 "
James Wilson, jr.	"	335 "
Anthony Colby	"	334 "
Jonathan Harvey	"	1 "
Daniel Connor	"	1 "
James Clark	"	1 "
William Badger	"	1 "
Ichabod Bartlett	"	1 "
Moody Bedell	"	1 "
Moses Eastman	"	1 "
John Riley	"	1 "
Ichabod Goodwin	"	1 "
Francis N. Fisk	"	1 "

And an alphabetical list of all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in the election of Senators having been lodged with the clerk of said town and posted up at the inn of John Gassin, said town, fifteen days prior to said second Tuesday of March, and the name of each voter having been checked by the town clerk on said list during the balloting, and, the number of voters, which said list contained, having been as certified by the Selectmen, twelve hundred and thirty-six.

The votes of the inhabitants of said town qualified as aforesaid for four Representatives to represent said town in the General Court of this State, were received by the Moderator in presence of the Selectmen, and were by the same Moderator in presence of the Selectmen, and town clerk sorted and counted as follows :

Ezra Carter	had	537 votes.
Ebenezer Eastman	"	520 "
William Dow	"	530 "
Luther Roby	"	451 "
William A. Kent	"	340 "
Joseph P. Stickney	"	386 "
Cyrus Robinson	"	334 "
David Allison	"	332 "
D. S. Palmer	"	1 "
Samuel Coffin	"	2 "
Laban Page	"	2 "

Abiel Walker	had	2 votes.
Abel Baker	"	1 "
Edward Gould	"	1 "
George Arlin	"	1 "
Henry Rolfe	"	1 "
Joseph Low	"	9 "
John Pettengill	"	1 "
F. N. Fisk	"	1 "

And the said Moderator in presence of the Selectmen and town clerk, in open meeting, made a public declaration of the state of the votes, with the name of every person voted for and the number of votes each person had as aforesaid.

And Ezra Carter, Ebenezer Eastman, William Dow and Luther Roby having each a majority of all the votes were declared to be duly elected representatives of said town for the ensuing year.

Voted—To adjourn to to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 1837.

Met according to adjournment.

And the inhabitants having a right to vote as aforesaid by a major vote and by ballot :

Chose,--Jonathan E. Lang Town Clerk who being present took the oath by law prescribed.

Chose--Robert Davis Jonathan Eastman and Enoch H. Dow Selectmen who being present took the oath, by law prescribed.

Chose--Alpheus Goodwin, Charles Hall, Lorrain Way, Wm. M. Carter, Samuel Whitney, Benjamin H. Weeks, James Buswell, William Dow, Isaac Runnels, David Abbot jr., Simeon Abbot, Henry Martin, Joseph Eastman, True Brown, Thomas Potter, William Holt and Jacob Clough, Surveyors of Highway who being present took the oath by law prescribed.

Also chose Joshua Berry, Charles Abbot, Joseph Hoit jr., Eben F. Elliot, Timothy Abbot, Daniel Flanders, Nathan Chandler 3d., Nathan Ballard, Isaac F. Ferrin, Robert Hall, William G Webster James Locke, and Joshua Ingalls, Surveyors of Highway.

Chose--Abraham Bean, Joseph F. Dow, Emery Burgess, Benjamin F. Dunklee, John Putney, Samuel Clifford, Isaac Virgin, Jeremiah Fowler, David Farnum Jr. Moses Shute, Daniel Clark, Wells Carter, Lewis Downing, Nathaniel Carter, Charles Smart, John Pettengill, William Gault, William Restieaux, John J. Ayer, Jacob Rogers, John George, Nathaniel Rolfe, Philip Sargent, Thomas B. Sargent and Isaac N. Haynes, Constables.

Chose--William Restieaux, Cyrus Barton, Richard Bradley, Philip Sargent, Aaron Carter, Robert Davis, Cyrus Robinson, John Putney, Isaac Eastman, Emery Burgess, and Samuel Herbert, *Firewards*, who were sworn. Also chose Lewis Downing, Abraham Prescott, William Gault, Ebenezer S. Towle, Laban Page, Zebediah W. Gleason, *Firewards*.

Chose--Joseph Low Jeremiah Pecker and William Dow *Fence Viewers*.

Chose--Leonard Bell, William G. Whitney, Samuel Curtis, and Ezra Hoit *Cullers of Staves*.

Chose--Jewett Bishop, Philip Sargent, Hazen Walker, John Eastman jr., Ebenezer Eastman, Nathaniel C. Elliot, William Dow, Atkinson Webster, Shadrach Seavey, Henry Rolfe, John Putney, David Farnum jr., Henry M. Moore, and Charles Graham *Surveyors of Lumber*, who were sworn.--Also chose Jeremiah Pecker, Jacob Elliot, Eben F. Elliot, Jeremiah Fowler, Abel Baker, Nathan G. Spiller, Horatio G. Belknap, Thomas Abbot, Leavitt C. Virgin, Nathaniel Carter, Reuben Goodwin jr., Lewis Downing, George Wilkins, Josiah Spiller, Porter Blanchard, Joseph C. Wallace, John Miller, Elliot A. Hill, and Sewel Hoit *Surveyors of Lumber*.

Chose--William Gault, Charles H. Clough, Isaac Virgin, Cyrus Robinson, Nathaniel Carter, David Davis jr., Asaph Evans, John Gault, Samuel Evans, James Peverly, Albert Herbert, John George, Robert E. Pecker and Lyndon White *Corders of Wood*.

Chose--Samuel Coffin, Laban Page and Stephen Ambrose, *Auditors of accounts*.

*Chose--*Isaac Dow, Cyrus Robinson, and Enos Blake, *Sealers of Leather.*

*Chose--*James Hoit, and Simeon Abbot, *Pound Keepers.*

*Chose--*Nathaniel Carter, William M. Carter, William Kent, Samuel Evans, Peter Elkins, Daniel N. Hoyt, Isaac Eastman, Cyrus Robinson, George W. Brown, and Isaac Dow, *Weighers of Hay.*

*Chose--*Robert Davis and Jacob Carter, *Sealers of Weights and Measures.*

*Chose--*Simeon Abbot, Isaac Emery jr., Sewel Hoit, William H. Wyman, Nathan W. Moore, Herman M. Rolfe, Samuel Shute, Blanchard Holt, Perkins Gale, Hiram Simpson, James Peverly, James Woolson, Arlond Carroll, David Davis jr., Josiah F. Dow, Josiah Knowles, David G. Sargent, Thomas Farrington, Luther M. Morrill, John A. Gault, *Hog Constables.*

*Voted--*That the eighth article in the warrant be indefinitely postponed.

*Voted--*To accept the Auditors reports.

The undersigned, auditors of accounts for the year past, respectfully

REPORT,

That we have attended to the duty assigned us and found the accounts of the Selectmen and acting Treasurer well vouched and correctly cast.

There was in the hands of the Treasurer,

March 1836.		\$ 715,89
Received of Samuel Currier for land		63,52
“ “ Conditional exempts		6,00
“ “ For licenses		82,00
“ “ Literary fund		213,06
“ “ Of Jacob Elliot for Lovejoy cow		12,50
“ “ Albe Cady for fines		15,00
“ “ County for support of Molly Mayhan		110,50
“ “ County for support of O'Brien		13,50
“ “ Town of Chichester for funeral charges of Thomas Morrill	}	4,00
“ “ County for support of Mrs. Holmes		
		13,34

"	"	Abiel Walker for stone sold	
		from farm	89,95
"	"	Overseer of town farm	10,31
Taxes assessed and committed to collector for 1836			6254,62

\$ 770419

Which is accounted for as follows :

By	Paid	State Treasurer	880,00
"	"	County Treasurer	501,06
"	"	School House orders	631,00
"	"	School orders including literary fund	1765,85
"	"	Receipts for nonresident taxes	56,58
"	"	Rations for the militia	143,13
"	"	School committee	50,00
"	"	For roads, bridges and compensation for land and surveyor	1672,34
"	"	For Support of paupers	734,20
"	"	Tolling and ringing bells	73,75
"	"	Police officers and bills of cost	50,66
"	"	For Hearse and Pall	12,28
"	"	For printing and stationary	61,51
By paid for notifying Jurors and repair of town Hall			} 18,11
"	"	Burying-Yard at West parish Village,	
			190,83
"	"	Vaccination	26,03
"	"	Guide boards	15,25
"	"	Services and expenses of Selectmen and Town clerk	392,45
"	"	Auditors	4,00
"	"	Abatement of taxes	83,41
"	"	Commission of collector	113,44
"	"	Cash in the Treasurers hands	227,31

7704,19

That the state of pauperism may be more clearly understood, the auditors would remark that the

whole expense of supporting the poor, at the farm the past year, amounts to the following sums to-wit:—

Amount of property on hand	March 1, 1836-1837	1358,49
“ “ Cash and credits in the hands of the overseer		53,40
“ “ Interest on cost of farm		240,00
“ “ Overseers salary		250,00
“ “ Services of Physician		18,00
		<hr/> 1919,89

From this sum should be deducted,

Amount of property on hand	March 1, 1837	1458,53
Received of county for support of Molly Mayham		110,50
O'Brien		13,50
Paid Treasurer		10,31
Due over and above paying all expenses		107,55
		<hr/> 1700,39
		<hr/> \$ 219,50

The expense of supporting paupers not at the farm amounts to	<hr/> 207,86
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Which being added makes the whole expense of paupers \$ 427,36

The average number of paupers, at the farm for the past year, was about seventeen and a half; being a fraction less than the number the preceeding year, and makes the expense to the town of supporting the poor, at the farm for the past year about twenty four cents per week for each person.

Which is respectfully submitted

SAMUEL COFFIN, {
JOHN PUTNEY, { *Auditors.*
Concord, March, 7, 1837.

*Voted--*That the sum of two thousand and seventy dollars be raised for the support of schools the ensuing year.

*Voted--*That the sum of five hundred dollars of the money raised for the support of schools the ensuing year be divided equally among the several school districts.

*Voted--*To raise the sum of twenty five hundred dollars to defray the necessary charges and expenses of the town, the current year.

*Voted--*That the claim of Ebenezer Fisk for outstanding taxes committed to Henry Fisk in 1830, be referred to the Selectmen, and they be authorized to adjust the same.

*Voted--*That the sum of four thousand dollars be raised for making and repairing of highways to be laid out in labor at ten cents per hour, and that one thousand dollars of the same be laid out by the Selectmen.

*Voted--*To reconsider the preceeding vote.

*Voted--*That the sum of one thousand dollars be raised in addition to the sum already raised to be applied to the making and repairing of highways under the direction of the selectmen.

*Voted--*That the sum of three thousand dollars be raised for the making and repairing of highways to be laid out in labor at ten cents per hour.

*Voted--*That the subject embraced in the seventh article of the warrant be referred to the Selectmen.

*Voted--*To accept the report of the Committee on the Parsonage and Literary funds.

The Committee having in charge various Funds of the town of Concord, report the following Statement of those funds, To wit :

PARSONAGE FUND.

The original amount of sales of Parsonage
Lands was 5335,51

which is invested as follows

13 Shares in Concord Bank 1326,25

10 Shares in Merrimack Coun-
ty Bank 1050,25

4 Shares in Mechanic's Bank 400,25

Note, Pecker & Lang, Wm. Peck-
er, Peter Elkins 1129,77

<i>Note</i> , Peter Elkins, Samuel Coffin, Charles Smart,	753,49
<i>Note</i> , Robert Davis, Luther Roby, Moses Shute,	473,74
<i>Note</i> , Nathan Chandler, Jere Abbot, Eben Fisk	202,26

making the aforesaid sum of 5335,51

The income from this fund has been annually paid to the Selectmen for distribution among the several incorporated religious Societies in the Town.

In consequence of a vote of the Town ordering an investment of this fund in the Concord Railroad Stock, 165 dollars has been collected from the foregoing, and paid in part of an assessment on 110 Shares subscribed for in said Stock. The residue will remain at interest until it may be wanted to meet further assessments on said Stock.

The principal of the Parsonage Fund is always to be kept entire, and the income from whatever source it may be derived, is to be annually divided as heretofore among the several religious Societies in the Town.

SCHOOL FUND.

The original amount of the sales of School Lands was	1691,10
Cash received from Literary Fund not distributed	877,08
Received for interest on Notes and from Bank dividends	1888,92

Amounting to 4457,10

which is invested as follows, *to wit* :

10 Shares in Concord Bank cost	1020,25
3 Shares in Mechanicks Bank	300,25
Deposit in Savings Bank	809,05
<i>Note</i> , Isaac Hill, R. H. Ayer, Amos G. Gale	738,51
<i>Note</i> , R. H. Ayer, Isaac Hill, Amos G. Gale	711,87
<i>Note</i> , Josiah Fernal, S. B. Lock, John Locke	300,87
<i>Note</i> , Stephen Brown, Wm. Kent, Joseph Low	287,44

Cash balance of dividends and interest	
in Concord Bank	253,89
Cash dividends from Mechanics Bank	36,89

making the aforesaid sum of 4457,01

There is about twenty three dollars due for interest in addition to this.

From this Fund 135 dollars has been taken to pay in part of an assessment on 90 shares in Concord Rail road Stock. The residue will remain at interest as an accumulating fund, until it may be wanted for further assessments on said Stock.

SURPLUS REVENUE FUND.

Of the portion allotted to the town of Concord of the Surplus Revenue the Committee have received from the Agent of the Town the first instalment amounting to 4827,00

From this has been paid in part	
of an assessment on 600 Shares in	
Concord Rail road Stock	900,00
and the remainder amounting to	3927,00

is loaned for the benefit of the town at legal interest, on a Note signed by Joseph Low, George Hutchins, George Kent, Amos Wood, Asaph Evans, Samuel Fletcher, N. G. Upham, and Samuel Evans.

Wm. A. Kent	}	<i>Committee.</i>
Robert Davis		
Joseph Low		

Concord, March 14th, 1837.

*Voted--*To adopt the same part of the Police laws of the town of Portsmouth as was adopted the last year.

*Voted--*To adopt all the laws of this state defining the powers and duties of firewards and other persons in certain cases except that part of the 10th, section of the law passed Dec. 16, 1828, which says "and every such house or building, which has eight fireplaces, shall be provided with four such buckets, and every such house or building which

has more than eight fireplaces shall be provided with six such buckets" provided that every such house or building which has eight or more fire places shall be provided with three such buckets, and that the inhabitants of this town living more than half a mile in any direction from a line beginning at the old north meeting house and running southerly through main street to Concord Bridge, and the inhabitants living more than half a mile in any direction from Orlando Brown's house in the west Village and the inhabitants living more than three quarters of a mile in any direction from Stephen Ambrose's store in the East Village, be exempt from the whole of the said 10th section.

*Voted--*That hereafter no Horses, Cattle, Sheep or Swine be permitted to go at large, within the limits of the town.

*Voted--*That the town adopt the law of this State passed January 4 1833, regulating the office of Constable.

*Voted--*That Richard Bradley, Abiel Walker and Isaac Dow be a committee with full power to sell and convey all or any part of the lands on the town farm on the main road from the spring to the north line of the farm, and also the water privilege with sufficient land to accommodate the same.

*Voted--*That the ninth article in the warrant be indefinitely postponed.

*Voted--*To dismiss the 16th article.

*Voted--*That the Selectmen be instructed to cause the Hay Scales now standing in the highway at the corner of Main and Pleasant streets to be forthwith removed.

*Voted--*That the Selectmen cause the warrant for the next annual Meeting to be published in two of the public News Papers printed in town.

*Voted--*That the Selectmen be authorized to purchase a Hearse and Pall for the new burying ground at the West Village and build a House for the same.

Voted--That the Poor House on the town farm be a House of Correction; and that the Overseer of said farm be Keeper of the same

Voted--That the collection of taxes be sold at public auction.

Voted--To accept the proposals of Abraham Bean to collect the taxes for 2 cents 9 mills on the dollar, and that the Selectmen appoint Abraham Bean a collector of taxes.

Voted--That the school district on the dark plain be allowed ten dollars of the money of the town not otherwise appropriated.

Voted--That the proceedings of this meeting be published in pamphlet form, for the use of the town.

Voted--That this meeting be dissolved.

J. E. LANG, *Town Clerk*.

The following appointments were made by the Selectmen.

March 13, 1837.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, Ebenezer E. Cummings, Asa P. Teney, and Moses G. Thomas.

POLICE OFFICERS.

Luther Roby, John Pettengill, John Miller, Daniel Davis jr., Joseph F. Dow, John Putney, and Abraham Bean.

Overseer of the Alms House and Keeper of the House of Correction, James Hoit.

Town Crier, Cooper Frost.